

Rotary Club of Bairnsdale



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

President Patricia is enjoying a well earned holiday, cruising around New Zealand, together with husband Wally and her sisters who have made the long journey from Canada to help celebrate Patricia's birthday, so here is report on her behalf from PP Gillian.

The first meeting in November was a night off, as it was the Melbourne Cup, not sure if any member cleaned up by backing the winner. The next meeting we heard Tom Forster from Advantage Pharmacy, give an update on the My Health record in your My Gov account and was willing to answer the many questions that members had on the evening. Then it was our Pizza night at John and Janet's, which has become an annual event and always enjoyed by members, friends and family, a detailed report is in the bulletin. We finished the month with a short board meeting, led by PP Ken who together with PP Rex will be running the meetings until she returns.

Ken represented our club at the 35th Anniversary of the formation of the Bairnsdale Probosc Club, held at the Bairnsdale Race Course, this was the second such club that was sponsored by us in 1984, we were certainly busy that year for sure, under President John Haylock. Ken was reluctant to pass on too many details to me but I am sure he did our club proud.

Well December is upon us and the festive season will soon be in full swing, we wish all our members, family and friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and encourage you to attend our breakup on Tuesday 17 December, details in bulletin.

PP Gillian Reeve

INDUCTIONS

John Walker

12 Years- 6 December 2007
(First Joined Rotary in 1978)

John Crawford

23 Years - 10 December 1996

Rex Estoppey

56 Years - 13 December 1963

Tuesday Meetings

5:45pm for 6:15pm

The Bairnsdale Club

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EVENT CALENDAR

DEC 03: Meeting

Cameron Dyson
(Eye Health)

DEC 10: Vocational Visit

The Clay Place (Pottery)
Wendy Reeve & Liz Kent
Meal at Cruiser Club after

DEC 17: Christmas Breakup

@ Bairnsdale Club
6 for 6:30pm - \$30 /2 courses
includes Kris Kringle gift

DEC 24: NO MEETING

Christmas Holiday Break

DEC 31: NO MEETING

New Year Holiday Break

JAN 06-10: Meals on Wheels

JAN 07: International Night

@ Estoppey House
Thai Theme - \$25 /2 courses

JAN 14: Meeting

JAN 21: Meeting

JAN 28: BOARD MEETING

MARCH 20-22 2020

Rotary District 9820 Conference
Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo



The last month has been quite busy as the needs of farmers in our area is still urgent.

Rex responded to a request from a farmer in Stockdale and we were able to give them bales of hay as well as a bag of sheep pellets, purchased from Brownwigg. We may be able to help them even further as we have passed on their details to the District who have some funds available for individuals in need, so keep your fingers crossed.

Bonnie had a chance conversation with someone in Melbourne and realised that they had some contacts in common, so Bonnie spoke about what our club is doing to assist farmers. On returning home she e-mailed him with a copy of our Farmers Relief Report and this has resulted in a \$500 donation for the cause from Midfield Meats in Warrnambool. It only goes to show that you never know when you share our message what impact it has and where it can lead.

Gillian has made contact with Janne Speirs from District and we are hopeful of receiving further funds from the Disaster Relief Fund.

Lorraine Winter from the Fairview Village in Warragul had raised an amount of \$560.00 and wanted to donate to our farmers, but specifically to young families in the affected areas, who might be struggling. To that end Bonnie has been in touch with contacts in the Ensay area and also we might be able to source names from the Swifts Creek School. I am sure that the recipients will be very grateful.

Rex reported that we have 60 bales sitting in the Donalda's yard but no doubt they will go soon. He also told us that the recent fires have added further stress to the farmers, with hay sheds burnt along with much needed feed.

As you may recall we made contact with a Paul Wilms, through a Facebook post and he graciously transported three loads of hay to us and refused to take any payment. He recently contact Bonnie saying that he had sourced 60 bales of silage which he wanted to donate to our farmers and the transport will also be donated by John Duff & Co. It is always heartening to see the generosity of some people and our farmers would be glad to



know that they are still in the hearts of the people outside of our area.

Recently we received a call from a gentleman from Lilydale, who had got our details from Ron Haines, the Past President of the RC of Lilydale. He has a small block and is cutting it for the first time and keen to donate the grass/hay to our farmers here, so we may have to pay for baling and cartage. Great to see that the RC of Lilydale are still helping.

If all members could spread the message of what we are doing, it will ensure that we can continue a bit longer with our aid, you just never know where the next contact will come from

Gillian Reeve

FARMERS RELIEF MESSAGE STILL BEING SPREAD



Recently a team from the Bairnsdale Soccer Club, named Hay Balers, competed in a charity futsal tournament held in Melbourne, with one of the sponsors being the Rotary Club of Collingwood, which was held in Clifton Hill.

With a team of seven players lead by captain PE Martin van Elst who played as goal keeper, the team also boasted three females and a good time was had by all.

Of course they were wearing the shirts that have our Farmers Relief logo on the front and in my opinion were the best dressed team on the day.

I took every opportunity to explain why they had that logo on the shirt and that it was sponsored by our club. It was lovely weather and I enjoyed watching this sport again as it was a large part of my life and my children for many years.



The Rotary Club of Collingwood's BBQ arrived very late and I could not help myself, offering my help in setting up and serving sausages to many hungry players. Great to interact with Rotarians from this club and they were amazed that our team had made the long trip from Bairnsdale.



The day's proceeds go towards promoting and delivering football programs in Cambodia, a win-win for everyone.

Gillian Reeve



CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS

Rum & Brandy Cakes ~ \$16.50

Steamed Puddings ~ \$16.50

Mini Puddings ~ \$7.50

Tim Gibson has once again ordered the supplies for this Christmas. They are around town at the following venues – Goodmans Seed Farm & Garden Centre, RACV, WGM & Bloom Hearing. They are going fast and we have a small supply for the club which will be available at the Tuesday meeting.



Tom Forster
My Health Record
12 November 2019

Martin van Elst (L) and Tom Forster (C)
and Patricia Murray-Walton (R)



PIZZA NIGHT

On Tuesday 19 November 32 members, friends and family enjoyed gourmet pizzas at the home of John and Janet. We have had many such nights in the past and as always the pizzas were delicious as was the Key Lime tart that followed.

Four pizzas that did not get cooked were auctioned off at the end of the evening by the very enthusiastic Brenda who managed to get top dollar.

John and Janet have a very discerning dog who was only interested the non-burnt scraps that were on offer and knew where

to go and sit looking with those eyes as we ate our slices.

Thank you to John and Janet for a great evening and I am sure Patricia's sisters will have another good story to tell when they return to Canada.

There was a profit made on the night, totalling \$395 which John requested go to the Farmers Relief fund. All in all a great evening, roll on next year.

Gillian Reeve





MEALS ON WHEELS

Our week for Meals on Wheels is Monday 6th to Friday 10th January.

Tony Desio is putting together the list for volunteers over the next couple of weeks.

It is a much appreciated service and delivery of the meals does not take long at all.

Expect a tap on the shoulder from Tony or to volunteer, contact Tony D on (03) 5152 6193 or 0420 273 688.

BIRTHDAYS

John Ariens - 1 December

Brenda Burney - 7 December

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

BENDIGO • 20-22 MARCH 2020

Conference will be about new ideas on Rotary

You won't want to miss out!

Rotary
District 9820



THE CLAY PLACE - VOCATIONAL VISIT



We had not had one of these for a while but we will be having a vocational visit to a local pottery studio, The Clay Place, which is run by Wendy Reeve and Liz Kent.

They will be telling us a bit about themselves as well as a demonstration on pottery making, you may even be able to have a try yourself. Items will be available for sale on the evening, either cash or card.

A warning that you might need insect repellent, as there are many friendly mossies there.

Date: Tuesday 10 December 2019

Place: 30 & 40 Mathiesons Road, Eagle Point (parking at 30 would be the best)

Time: 6.00pm start – then The Cruiser Club in Paynesville for a meal (optional)

RSVP: John Walker bonnieruthwalker@hotmail.com or 5152 7575 for meal only

A sheet will be circulated next week, so if you are not going to be at that meeting, please contact John Walker.



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FROM THE BOARD

At our last Board Meeting, ably led by PP Ken in the absence of President Patricia. We managed to discuss and organised several matters, plus we finished by 7.35pm, that must be an all-time record.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee felt that the membership night was a success and another event may be organised, as yet no new members have eventuated but you never know.

COMMUNITY

It was decided to donate a carton of small puddings to Uniting for their Mother Christmas Appeal.

John Walker told us of the walk for Parkinson's Disease that will happen in May in Lakes Entrance and thought that we could provide a BBQ on the day.

The BBQ that we were providing for the Hope Restart Centre opening has been postponed until March.

Bonnie asked for a member to volunteer to help organise the scrap metal drive that Paddy from RC of Hasting/Westernport informed us about last year.

We assisted RC of Bairnsdale Sunrise in the cinema fundraiser on Sunday 10 November, the date of which changed at the last minute. The film chosen was "Judy" about the later years of Judy Garland. The afternoon raised \$1100 including proceeds of the raffle that our club helped organised. Thank you to Patricia for providing the baskets, Gillian & Malcolm for the wine, plus John C & John W for manning the table selling tickets. All proceeds will go to Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, always a worthy cause

Gillian Reeve

MARQUEE ERECTIONS

DEC 07: Bairnsdale Archery Park

DEC 20: Gippsland Truck Centre

JAN 04: Bairnsdale residence



RC Mitchell River (Bairnsdale)
Bairnsdale RSL
Monday 5:45 for 6:00pm



RC Bairnsdale Sunrise
Bairnsdale International Hotel
Wednesday 6:45 for 7:00am



RC Lakes Entrance
Central Hotel
Wednesday 6:00 for 6:30pm



RC Orbost
Orbost Club
1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:00 for 6:30pm

EXCHANGE STUDENT RECOLLECTIONS



Jan Henning Pohls

DOB: 28/6/1976

Came from County Soltau, Lower Saxony, NW Germany. (Near Hamburg)

Jan arrived in Australia 5/8/1992, spent the first few days with Bob, who was Jan's counsellor, and Shirley Cragie.

Host families were John and Barbara Haylock, Margaret and Geoff Macfarlane, and Barbara (deceased) and Ian Eldridge.

I have recently been in contact with Jan who now lives in Berlin with his wife and 2 young children. Both Jan and his wife are neurologists working in a large hospital in Berlin.

Whilst Jan was staying with us Geoffrey always made Jan read The Age before he headed off to school, which mostly he did not enjoy! Geoffrey always said to Jan that if he read this paper each day he would end up a brain surgeon!

Well, he was not far from that prediction!

Jan was a pleasure to have in our home and became part of the family. His family visited him during his stay with us, sadly his father died last year.

Margaret Macfarlane



DECEMBER ROSTER

Welcome: Geoff J & Michelle Y

Sergeant: Gillian

JANUARY ROSTER

Welcome: Margaret

Sergeant: Tony M

